

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Todd Martin Beazley  
US Application No.: 10/567,050  
US Filing date : 2 February 2006  
For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REDUCING NOISE  
IN AN IMAGE

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181  
FOR A FINDING OF TIMELY PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE AND  
WITHDRAWAL OF THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

**Mail Stop: Issue Fee**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Petition is hereby made pursuant to 37 CFR 1.181 for a finding of timely payment of the issue fee and the withdrawal of the holding of abandonment for the above-identified patent application.

Attached is a Declaration for the above-identified patent application signed by Fideliz Romero an employee of Thomson Licensing indicating that Ms. Romero sent a facsimile of the fee transmittal for the above-identified patent application to the U.S.P.T.O. on January 4, 2010, which was two days BEFORE the due date of January 6, 2010 for payment of the issue fee. A true copy of this fee transmittal is attached as Exhibit A. Also as shown in Exhibit A, the certificate of transmission signed by Ms. Romero shows a date of January 4, 2010. In addition, Ms. Romero's declaration indicates that she received acknowledgement of receipt of the facsimile transmission from the U.S.P.T.O. on January 4, 2010. A true copy of the U.S.P.T.O. Auto Reply acknowledging receipt of the facsimile transmission on January 4, 2010 is attached as Exhibit B. Finally, a true copy of the Notice of Abandonment for the above-identified patent application is attached as Exhibit C.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being faxed to the United States Patent & Trademark Office, fax # 571-273-8300, Mail Stop: Issue Fee on:

3-3-10  
Date

Fideliz Romero  
Fideliz Romero

In view of all the above, it is respectfully submitted, therefore, that the issue fee for the above-identified patent application was paid before the due date of January 6, 2010. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the present petition and the Declaration and Exhibits enclosed herewith comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.181. Thus, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Commissioner grant this Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181 and find that the issue fee was timely paid and, as such, withdraw the holding of abandonment and proceed to grant the corresponding patent for the above-identified patent application.

While the Office is authorized to charge deposit account 07-0832 for any petition fees, it is further requested that the Office waive any petition fees since the issue fee was clearly paid on time. However, if there are any additional charges, or credits, in connection with this request, the Director is authorized to charge, or credit, Deposit Account No. 07-0832 therefor.

Respectfully submitted,  
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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY  
IN THE UNITED STATES RECEIVING OFFICE (RO/US)

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DECLARATION OF FIDELIZ ROMERO IN SUPPORT OF A PETITION UNDER  
37 CFR 1.181

I, FIDELIZ ROMERO, declare as follows:

1. I am currently employed by Thomson Licensing, and I am working in Thomson Licensing's United States Company, located in Princeton, New Jersey.

2. I am responsible for the duties of filing and maintaining the applications for Thomson Licensing; including the above-identified docket, PU030191 or U.S. Patent Application No. 10/567,050. These duties include filing applications, handling the preparation of forms (Declarations, Assignments and Power of Attorney, Fee Transmittals), and filing the forms with the U.S.P.T.O.

3. On January 4, 2010, I sent a facsimile of a fee transmittal form to the U.S.P.T.O. for payment of the issue fee for the above identified patent application (Exhibit A) two days BEFORE the due date of January 6, 2010.

4. As shown in the upper right hand corner of Exhibit A, the certificate of transmission I signed is dated January 4, 2010.

5. On January 4, 2010, I received a reply from the U.S.P.T.O. indicating receipt of the facsimile transmission (Exhibit B).

6. All statements made herein to my knowledge are true. These statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the Application or any patent issued thereon.

3-5-10  
Date

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